

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ABDULLAH SPENCER-EL-DEY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE; BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

1:20-CV-10377 (CM)

ORDER DIRECTING ORIGINAL
SIGNATURE

COLLEEN McMAHON, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*. He submitted his complaint without an original signature. Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s name – or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a); *see* Local Civil Rule 11.1(a). The Supreme Court has interpreted Rule 11(a) to require “as it did in John Hancock’s day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced).” *Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001). To remedy Plaintiff’s lack of signature, within thirty days of the date of this order, Plaintiff must sign and submit the attached declaration form for his complaint.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff and note service on the docket. No summons shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, this action shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk’s Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, this action will be dismissed.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an

appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 11, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen McMahon", written over a horizontal line.

COLLEEN McMAHON
Chief United States District Judge